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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. The market tone was in full range of steady to firm with mediums in the strongest position. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to well balanced, at times tight on medium eggs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to instances short for the fair to moderate demand. Light type hens were about adequate to sufficient for mostly normal processing schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents higher for mediums. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for the larger sizes and fully steady to firm for mediums. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to fairly good, best for feature activity. Loose egg demand was moderate. Supplies were in good balance to adequate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI	Prices pa	id to
EXTRA LARGE	87-96	91-93	producers.	RANGE N	MOSTLY
LARGE	87-95	89-92	LARGE	70-77	72
MEDIUM	71-77	74-76	MEDIUM	57-61	59
WEDIOW	, , , ,	7470	SMALL	36-38	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending slightly higher for mediums. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets was light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available on the larger sizes, but mediums were reported as closely balanced to tight. Breaking stock supplies were occasionally short to usually adequate for the fair demand. Schedules were about normal. Light type hens were about adequate to adequate for the at least moderate demand. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal for the upcoming week.

EXTRA LARGE	95-109	95-101
LARGE	90-104	97-99
MEDIUM	78-87	78-81
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NI	H, Eastern NJ, E	astern NY, PA,
RL Northern VA. and VT		

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SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm. Retail demand was moderate to good and continued to improve. Food service movement was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to at times close. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was reported as mostly moderate and improving while any spot offerings continue to be held with more confidence. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to instances

fully steady.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94.5-103	96-99
LARGE	93.5-102	95-98
MEDIUM	77.5-86	79-82
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SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on mediums and unchanged on the balance of sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand into all outets was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient to closely balanced with mediums in the shortest position. Breaking stock demand was light to fair for occasionally short to usually adequate offerings. Light type hens were about adequate to sufficient for the at least moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSILY
EXTRA LARGE	95.5-111.25	97-100
LARGE	94-109.25	95-98
MEDIUM	77.5-92.25	78-82
SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, S	C, Eastern TN, and So	uthern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment entering the weekend was steady to fully steady. Demand was mostly moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to close for present trade re

requirements.	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	104-108
LARGE	102-106
MEDIUM	88-92

CHICAGO AND MIDWEST EGGS Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail demand was mixed, best for featues. Food service movement was light, instances moderate. Supplies were

adequate.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93-101	95-97
LARGE	92-100	93-96
MEDIUM	76-85	79-81

WESTERN REGION EGG Prices unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged to 3 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand was moderate. Offerings lighter.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was fully steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings in good balance. Small benchmark price 95. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- extra large 20 pack 197-229, 2 for \$5, large brown dozen 199.

CALIFORNIA California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms RANGE

JUMBO	141
EXTRA LARGE	136
LARGE	127
MEDIUM	115

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS

PER DOZEN.	RANGE
JUMBO	118-130
EXTRA LARGE	116-124
LARGE	114-117
MEDIUM	102-105

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	299-399
EXTRA LARGE	289-359
LARGE	239-339
MEDIUM	199-279

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was reported as mostly moderate and improving while any additional spot offerings continue to be held with more confidence. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady.

Prices paid, material exchanged, 30 dozen case equivalent, 48 lb., minimum net weight, delivered to breakers, cents per dozen.

	RANGE	WOSILY
BREAKING STOCK	76-78	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	63-69	63-65
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Demand was fair for offerings that were occasionally short to usually adequate for about normal schedules. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Cases broken in the Eastern region for the week ending 14 February 2004 were 4% higher than the previous week and 5% higher than a year ago. Prices paid, material exchanged, 30 dozen case equivalent, 48 lb., minimum net weight, delivered to breakers, cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	74-79	75-78
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	62-69	63-66
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AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 14-FEB-04

(Lbs in thousands) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)							
	CAS	SES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BRO	KEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,191,	901	27,870	11,484	6,643	2,762	4,063
PW	1,150,	257	25,767	12,068	6,592	2,835	4,107
LY	1,133,	238	27,185	10,353	5,735	2,656	4,150
% CHC	3 PW	4	8	-5	1	-3	-1
% CHO	G LY	5	3	11	16	4	-2
2004	6,875,	936	160,089	67,573	37,618	16,350	24,548
2003	6,817,	611	159,788	64,664	36,020	16,881	25,288
% CHG	3 YTD	1	0	4	4	-3	-3
				CUR	RENT F	REVIOUS	LAST
AVER A	AGE YIEL	_D PE	R CASE -	٧	VEEK	WEEK	YEAR
`	BLE IN		,	4	42.00	42.19	41.85
(INEDI	BLE EX	CLUE	DED)	(38.59	38.62	38.19

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized whites reported at 76 cents fob with pasteurized salt yolk reported from 60 to 61 cents fob. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for all liquid products. Demand was fairly good to good for whole egg and whites and mostly moderate for yolk. Offerings were tight to adequate for whole egg and whites and adequate for yolk. Schedules for next week were being adjusted on a day to day basis while exporters of egg products await further developments. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher when compared to the past week.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

			(CHANGE FROM
CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	10	65-68	65.30	01
WHITES	11	68-69.5	68.82	47
YOLKS	5	58	58.00	.00

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower on salt yolks, unchanged to higher on whites, and unchanged on balance of items when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was barely to cautiously steady on yolks, usually steady on whole and steady to fully steady on whites. Demand and trading was light to fair. Supplies were tight on whites, generally balance on whole, and at least sufficient on yolks. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 14 February 2004 were 5% more than the previous week, and 3% less than last year.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

			LIL
TRU	CKLOTS	(MIN. 2	5 CONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	74-84	75-78	83-88
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		85-105
WHITES	79-85	82-85	86-91
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	72-80	75-77	81-88
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	69-76	69-74	77-87
(/)- Whole plus yolk plus sweetner, ge	nerally 20	-32% egg s	olids.

<u>CENTRAL REGION FROZEN</u> All frozen mostly prices were unchanged with the exception of sugared yolk which ranged 2 cents lower than the previous week. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and whites and unsettled to instances weak on yolk products. The extent and duration of export limitations were not completely known and were being handled on a day to day basis by most major exporters of frozen yolk products. Offerings were generally adequate with spot demand mostly light. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the prior week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	TF	RUCKLOTS
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	76-81	76
WHITES	80-85	82-85
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	75-77	77
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	72-74	72

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 2/14 was 5% less than the previous week. Frozen demand and freezer stocks light.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

LTL (MINL OF CONT.)

	LIL (IVIIIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE
WHOLE	82-85
WHITES	86-89
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS	S) 81-84
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	78-81

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Majority prices were unchanged on albumen, unchanged to lower on blends, and lower on whole and yolks when compared to a week earlier. Trucklot trading was limited on albumen, light on yolks, and about fair on whole. Trade sentiment was at least steady on albumen, steadier on whole, and irregular on yolks. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 14 February 2004 were 3% less than the previous week, but 4% more than last year, The total year to date dried egg produced were 3% less than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	2.97-3.40	MOSTLY 3.00-3.10
YOLKS	1.63-2.05	MOSTLY 1.65-1.70
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	5.95-6.60	MOSTLY 6.10-6.25
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)1.96-2.30	MOSTLY 1.96-2.05

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEB 13, 2004-FEB 19, 2004

CURRENT LOADS 68.00 FUTURE LOADS 52.00 TOTAL LOADS 120.00

49.00

	U	OKKEN	LUADS	00.00	,	FUIC	INE LUADO	32.00		IOIALI	LUADS	120.00			
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CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	74.00	_	73.83	75.50	77.00	79.75	8.00	GNR BR 1	_	_	_	_	_	_	3.00
GNR W 2	_	71.00	66.00	_	_	_	1.00	GL W J	_	91.00	_	_	_	_	2.00
GNR BR 1	_	_	_	_	_	_	3.00	GL W XL	82.11	84.54	_	_	_	93.58	13.25
GL W J	89.00	99.00	91.00	92.00	_	_	3.00	GL W LG	81.00	86.85	86.00	_	_	89.28	14.25
GL W XL	_	86.00	87.00	88.15	82.40	84.00	53.00	GL W MD	67.00	73.00	_	83.00	_	78.50	8.00
GL W LG	_	85.71	85.00	86.50	79.32	84.00	25.25	GL W SM	_	48.00	_	_	_	_	2.00
GL W MD	72.67	_	70.43	72.08	69.81	66.83	27.00	GL BR LG	_	96.00	_	_	_	_	.75
GL W SM	_	_	51.10	52.60	_	_	2.50	NRBS - 48	_	_	_	_	_	_	1.00
GL BR XL	_	_	_	_	105.00	112.00	.75								
GL BR LG	_	_	_	_	105.00	112.00	2.25								
NRBS - 48	_	_	_	_	_	77.88	13.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

1.00

LIGHT TYPE HENS

NRBS - 36

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS
(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority values were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate. Offerings of spent fowl were about adequate to adequate. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST 0-12 9-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were slow. Values required for disposal were expected to remain steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices ranged unchanged to sharply higher. Demand was mostly moderate to fairly good. Offerings were adequate to instances tight. Opinions of value were unsettled.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST 0-10.5 5.5-7

<u>WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN</u> Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings adequate.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	98.00	98.00	79.50
SOUTHEAST	98.50	96.50	80.00
MIDWEST	92.00	90.50	75.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	97.50	96.50	80.00
COMBINED REGIONAL	96.52	95.40	78.67
Computed from simple w populations.	eekly average	s weighted	by regional area

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majortiy prices were unchanged on heavy canners; unchanged to slightly higher on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate. Trading was very light on heavy canners. Available offerings were well cleared. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

21-28.5 MAJORITY 24-25

31.5-37.5 MAJORITY 34-35

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

44-30 MAJORITY 26.5-27.5

(WITHOUT NECKS)

33-39 MAJORITY 36.5-37.5

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 14-Feb-04 (PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY LIGHT HENS **HEAVY HENS TOTAL HENS** -THOUSANDS-HEAD 1.230 1.319 2.549 LAST WEEK 1,117 1.273 2.390 SAME WEEK YR AGO 1.793 1.257 3,050 TO-DATE/2004 15,499 7.834 7,665 TO-DATE/2003 18.671 10.384 8.287

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS					
	THOUSANDS							
HEAD	153	8	161					
LAST WEEK	220	0	220					
SAME WEEK YR AGO	O 541	0	541					
TO-DATE/2004	1,592	26	1,618					
TO-DATE/2003	2,346	43	2,389					
SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.								

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA **HEAVY HENS** LIGHT HENS **TOTAL HENS HEAD** 1,383 1,327 2.710 LAST WEEK 1,337 1,273 2.610 SAME WEEK YR AGO 2.334 1.257 3.591 TO-DATE/2004 9.426 7.691 17.117 TO-DATE/2003 12.730 8.330 21.060

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade									
U.S. Exports to C	U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)								
Week Ending February 07, 2004 Year-To-Date									
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002					
LIQUID	193	211	585	1,464					
FROZEN	0	0	0	0					
DRIED	0	40	9	84					
TOTAL	193	251	594	1,548					
U.S. Imports Fron	U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)								
Week Ending Feb	ruary 07, 2	004	Year-T	o-Date					
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002					
LIQUID	99	208	611	844					
FROZEN	45	116	57	327					
DRIED	120	0	435	40					
TOTAL	264	324	1,103	1,211					
Inspected Shell E	ggs_								
U.S Exports To C	anada, In 3	30-Dozen Case	es (Prelimina	ry)					
Week Ending Feb	ruary 07, 2	2004	Year-T	o-Date					
	2003	2002 /1	2003	2002					
JUMBO	0	0	50	0					
EXTRA LARGE	0	0	0	150					

Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

0

0 0

1,500

1,500

3,693

780

750

5,273

0

1,105

1,880

1,470

4,605

0

800

750

1,550

0

0

LARGE

MISC

TOTAL

MEDIUM

UNGRADED

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS) SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

		FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM	02/16/04	3,412	153,937	38,664
AM	02/01/04	3,118	141,357	40,964
CHG		294	12580	-2300
PCT C	HG	9%	9%	-6%

MONTHLY COLD	(In Unit	s of 1,000)							
FROZEN EGGS: Monthly Cold Storage Report									
working cold cite	31-Dec	31-Dec	31-Jan	31-Jan					
	2002	2003	2003	2004					
FROZEN EGGS:									
Whites	2,316	2,972	1,818	2,896					
Yolks	478	1,242	924	1,149					
Whole & Mixed	7,467	10,805	8,778	12,484					
Unclassified	3,264	3,017	3,820	4,857					
Total Frozen Eggs	13,525	18,036	15,340	21,386					

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS					
С	W PW	PC1	Γ CHG		
THO	OUSANDS	PW	LY		
28.3	25.9	9	32		
3.5	3.4	3	13		
57.0	62.0	-8	-8		
27.1	28.9	-6	6		
3.3	10.4	-68	-15		
95.4	90.8	5	7		
7.7	8.7	-11	-48		
26.5	28.1	-6	-7		
16.7	20.2	-17	-5		
21.0	23.0	-9	-5		
286.5	301.4	-5	-1		
291.7					
	28.3 3.5 57.0 27.1 3.3 95.4 7.7 26.5 16.7 21.0 286.5	CW PW THOUSANDS 28.3 28.3 25.9 3.5 3.4 57.0 62.0 27.1 28.9 3.3 10.4 95.4 90.8 7.7 8.7 26.5 28.1 16.7 20.2 21.0 23.0 286.5 301.4	CW PW PCT THOUSANDS PW 28.3 25.9 9 3.5 3.4 3 57.0 62.0 -8 27.1 28.9 -6 3.3 10.4 -68 95.4 90.8 5 7.7 8.7 -11 26.5 28.1 -6 16.7 20.2 -17 21.0 23.0 -9 286.5 301.4 -5		

COMMERCIAL E	W/E 14-Feb-04		
(RECEIPTS FRO	M PRODUCERS)		
	CASES PERCENT CHANGE FR		
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	213.6	1	-1
E.N. CENTRAL	581.7	8	5
W.N. CENTRAL	286.8	2	1
S. ATLANTIC	170.9	1	-4
S. CENTRAL	101.9	2	4
WEST	181.6	-4	8
TOTAL	1536.5	3	3
MATCHED PLAN	NTS REPORTING	85	85

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT Feb 17, 2004 PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

EXT	RA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	150	144	108	70
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	144-148	138-142	102-106	63-67
MOSTLY	146-147	140-141	104-105	65-66
RHODE ISLAND	149-153	143-147	107-111	69-73
MOSTLY	149	143	107	69
VERMONT	150-153	145-147	110-111	-
MOSTLY	153	147	111	-

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PROCESSED EGGS: Monthly Inventory U.S. Dried Eggs (2nd Fri)

AS OF JANUARY 31, 2004 COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
WHOLE PLAIN FREE FLOWING BLEND	1,001,491 1,780,700 1,452,272	1 1 12	-35 -62 -23
WHITE (ALBUMEN) BLEND	4,012,331 113,400	-3 -5	-62 -44
YOLK PLAIN BLEND FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	1,791,988 47,987 2,200,515	65 55 -23	-20 -51 -58
TOTAL	12,400,684	1	-53

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION: JANUARY 4, 2004 - JANUARY 31, 2004

TOTAL 10,753,000 POUNDS.

Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on

PRrevious reports.